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STRENGTHENING MARKETING FACILITIES FOR HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to strengthen marketing facilities and avenues for horticulture;

(b) if so, whether the Horticulture Board has made any recommendations in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of recommendations made for increasing avenues of marketing for horticulture products;

(d) whether any pilot schemes has been made in this regard; and

(e) if so, the States selected for such pilot schemes and the investment proposed in fruit marketing infrastructure etc.?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (e): No Committee on strengthening marketing facilities has been set up in the National Horticulture Board (NHB) and hence there are no specific recommendations in this regard.

However, the NHB is implementing the following two schemes for strengthening marketing facilities and avenues for horticulture produce:-

(i) Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-harvest Management;

(ii) Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages/Storages for Horticulture Produce.

The above schemes are being implemented throughout the country with 2001-02 allocation of Rs.12.10 crores and Rs.65.00 crores, respectively to meet the subsidy components of the two schemes.